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Public Works Division

# Central Heights Facility

On the evening of August 4, 2003, the public was invited to attend as the Board of Supervisors held a formal dedication for the new Central Heights Community Services Facility. The Gila County Division of Health and Community Services Departments have relocated their offices to this facility and are now open for regular services at 5515 S. Apache Avenue in Central Heights.

The Gila County **Health Department** handles the WIC Program, bio-terrorism, maternal/child health, health start, coronary heart disease prevention, nursing (TB program, shots, etc.) and CSFP (food box program). Vaccines resumed on July 22nd and will continue to be administered Tues-Thurs., from 8-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

**Community Services Department** covers REPAC, G.E.S.T, WIA, CAP, Section 8 Housing Rental Assistance, Housing Rehab, Weatherization, and CAAG.

For additional information regarding Gila County Services, call: Health and Community Services Main Office, (928) 425-3231 ext. 8811; Nursing 425-3189; Nutrition 425-3394; Environmental Health 425-3231 ext. 8517; Bio-terrorism 425-3189; and Rabies Control 425-5882.

Gila County **Governmental Relations/Emergency Management** which covers Governmental Relations, Emergency Services, Rural Addressing, and the Fairgrounds will also be relocating to this facility in the near future.



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## Administration

**On July 24, 2003, a Men's Health Day Presentation was held.** It was offered as part of AZLGEBT's Wellness Program and was a very well attended event in the Globe area. It was presented at three different times throughout the day and was conducted by Dr. Frank Preiser. It was also presented in the Payson area the previous week. The Presentation was not only for men but for women as well who have male dependants, and also the public was invited to attend. Participants came to hear about how they can prevent cardiovascular disease and cancer with screenings and early detection as well as with lifestyle changes. At the end, they were each given handouts on men's health issues including cardiovascular disease and prostate/testicular cancer. Male employees who attended received 300 points towards their wellness points and the females who attended received 150 points. All Public Works employees were strongly encouraged to attend, but it was mandatory if they were male and mandatory if they were female with a male dependant(s).

## Engineering

**The Fossil Creek Road Improvement Project** Phase I is currently being constructed by InterMountain West Civil Constructors, Inc. of Payson. This 2.2 mile long project beginning at SR 87 will provide a new roadway with improved drainage for the public. There will also be a separated walking path along the road. This project is funded with Federal and State HURF money and should be complete by the end of this year. Engineering staff has been providing support to the road department on the Central Heights Facility Parking Lot. The Surveying and GIS staff have been working on a GPS Densification Project. This project will provide NGS Class "A" Survey Monuments throughout Gila County that will allow anyone requiring precision accuracy in their work to use these monuments. The field work has been completed and is currently under review by the National Geodetic Survey Department. The Floodplain Ordinance was recently updated by Floodplain Staff to ensure continuing compliance with FEMA requirements. Dan Olson, Project Manager from the Payson Office resigned to relocate to Iowa. Dan will surely be missed. He was a wonderful employee who was instrumental in getting the Fossil Creek Project to construction. Rick Bunker, Gila County Surveyor, was recently named President of the Arizona Professional Land Surveyor's Association. This is a great achievement. Congratulations Rick.

## Facilities Management

**Since our last newsletter,** Facilities' crews, along with inmate labor, have completed the commercial side of the Fairgrounds Exhibition Building remodel. They have successfully moved the Health Department and Community Services from their old "digs" to their new "digs" at the Central Heights Community Services Facility. We have been able to address some long-standing security issues in the Globe Jail's exercise yard by strengthening the interior fences and also built a new concrete bench in the Jail Booking area, which we hope you never have to see. Now we are working hard to complete the office building for the road crews at Tonto Basin, see construction pictures below.



**The first week of June marked the finish** of the current chip seal projects with the completion of Calle De Loma, Railroad Avenue and Broadway for the Copper Region. The

## CONSOLIDATED ROADS

## & Shops

equipment and part of the crew then went to Payson to assist the Timber Region with their chip seal projects and also to assist them in paving the Portals III Juniper Loop project. The Copper Region was pertinent to the completion of the Central Heights School parking lot paving project in last part of June which continued on into July. Recently, Brent Cline, Kyle Sawyer, Richard Short, Lonny Cline, Brian Jennings and Brett Bingham participated in the ADOT Equipment Roadeo held at the Sunrise Ski Resort. They earned a total of 2823 points in the Grader competition and 1785 points in the Loader competition. Way to go guys!!!! Welcome Glen Boehm who has joined the Copper Region Shops and also Brian Jennings who joined the road crew in the Tonto Basin area. The Timber Region has been working on crack sealing, paving of Juniper Loop/Trails End in Pine, and chip seal projects in Round Valley, Oxbow Estates, Pine, and Strawberry. They were able to chip seal additional roads not planned for, and still went under on projected usage of chips and oil. Austin Jones, Mike Frandsen, Glen Farnham, and Rick Quigley from the Timber Shop attended the LTAP Hwy Maintenance Welding Techniques class in Flagstaff. All that attended said this was one of the best classes they've ever attended, and highly recommend it to others. Also, they'd like to welcome aboard new employee, Kathy Brunson, who hired on with the Timber Region Shops June 18th. (Pictured below are members of the Road Crew taking part in the ADOT Equipment Roadeo).



**Paper Recycling at the Russell Gulch Landfill.** A bin has been placed at the Russell Gulch Landfill scalehouse for the collection of paper to be recycled. An

## Solid Waste

agreement was been made between Vista Paper Recycling in Scottsdale and the County to pay the County \$70 a ton to recycle magazines, loose newspaper, catalogs, office paper and phone books. The Landfill transfer truck will haul the bin to Scottsdale, monthly. Paper recycling cans have been placed around the Court House for office paper, and the City of Globe is planning to partner to meet the community needs by placing two bins in Globe and delivering the paper to the landfill. On their first load, they brought in 7 tons. Also, to date 1,291 tons of brush has been brought in by 3001 residents in the free brush days at the landfills to assist homeowners clear fire hazards from their property.

